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TION, AND OTHER QUESTIONS

1. SLT DISCUSSION INCLUDED QUESTION OF THE DEFINITION OF
IMPORTED OIL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF INCLUDING OIL
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PRODUCTS IN THE MSP SCHEME. ON BASIS OF WORKING

HYPOTHESIS, THE DEFINITION THAT "IMPORTED OIL SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS OIL IMPORTED BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES," AS ESTABLISHED AT JULY 1 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, PROGRESS WAS MADE IN NARROWING THE RANGE OF "NECESSARY" AND "POSSIBLE" EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEFINITION. ON FORMER, EC COMMISSION WORKING PAPER ESTABLISHED FOR THE RECORD THAT TREATY OF ROME WOULD REQUIRE AS "NECESSARY" EXCEPTION THAT OIL IMPORTED FROM U.K. BY OTHER EC COUNTRIES BE ACCORDED EXEMPTION FROM MSP. COMMISSION PAPER WAS LESS CLEAR IN TREATMENT OF NORWEGIAN OIL BY EC AS RESULT OF FTA ARGUMENT, AND COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO ADDRESS THIS POINT MORE SPECIFICALLY IN REVISION OF PAPER FOR NEXT SLT MEETING.

2. ON THE ISSUE OF "POSSIBLE" AS OPPOSED TO "NECESSARY" EXCEPTIONS, MOST DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT THAT IF EXCEPTIONS WERE GRANTED, IT SHOULD BE DONE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS SUBJECT TO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL. ON ISSUE OF OIL PRODUCTS, AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY THE DUTCH, WAS APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF INCLUDING OIL PRODUCTS IN THE MSP SCHEME AND WILL REPORT TO THE SLT BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. THE MAIN TOPIC CONSIDERED IN THE JULY 25 SLT MEETING WAS THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN ON THE CONSERVATION SUB-ROUP (BAKKE-U.S.) ON THE REVIEW OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND THE SUB-GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1976 AND 1977 IEA CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES.

4. REPORT EFFECTIVELY DEMONSTRATED THAT ALL NATIONAL PROGRAMS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT AND THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET MOUNTED WHAT THE CONSERVATION EXPERTS WOULD DESCRIBE AS A MEANINGFUL PROGRAM. DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT CENTERED ON QUESTIONS OF WHETHER REPORT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AND, IF SO, WHETHER COUNTRIES SHOULD BE RANKED IN TERMS OF THE RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR NATIONAL PROGRAMS (U.S. WAS RANKED 13TH OF 18). AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE WITH PREDICTABLE EXPRESSIONS OF SENSITIVITY, SLT AGREED TO TAKE UP THESE ISSUES AT ITS SEPTEMBER MEETING. HOWEVER' DISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CUSSION OF NATIONAL REVIEWS CONFIRMED UTILITY OF THIS PROCESS OF "CONSTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATION" AS SEVERAL DELEGATIONS AFFIRMED UTILITY OF EXERCISE IN TERMS OF STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THEIR NATIONAL PROGRAMS.

5. SLT DID AGREE TO RECOMMEND TO GOVERNING BOARD CONSERVATION GOALS FOR 1976 AND 1977 WHICH REPRESENT DECREASES IN IEA OIL IMPORTS OF 11 PERCENT AND 10 PER-

CENT RESPECTIVELY FROM ACTUAL 1973 LEVELS. THESE TARGETS WERE BASED ON COLLATION OF NATIONAL PROJECTIONS. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS FORM OF NATIONAL PROGRAM SHOULD BE REINFORCED BY AN AGENCY-IMPOSED INCREMENT OVER AND ABOVE THE TOTAL OF NATIONAL EFFORTS. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THIS CONCEPT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR 1976 BUT SHOULD BE REEXAMINED FOR 1977 AND MUST BE A PART OF THE PROCESS IN ESTABLISHING IEA GOALS FOR 1980 AND 1985, WHICH WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO GOVERNING BOARD BY JULY 1976.

6. A TIMETABLE FOR THE SLT SUGGESTED WORK SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO MEET THE GOVERNING BOARD'S DECEMBER 1 DEADLINE FOR REVIEW OF THE OVERALL SLT PROGRAM WAS AGREED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE JULY 28 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING.
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